

INVESTIGATIVE Operations

The Investigative Division is the largest division of the GBI and is primarily responsible for assisting the more than 600 local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of crimes committed in Georgia. The deputy director for investigations supervises the division with a command staff of four inspectors.

REGIONAL Offices

Special agents assigned to the 15 regional investigative offices regularly assist local law enforcement and district attorneys with the investigation of major crimes, such as homicide, child abuse, rape, armed robbery, theft and

drug enforcement.

Consistent with recent years, the Investigative Division has placed its greatest concentration of resources on the investigation of violent crimes against persons.

Command Staff



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FY'04: Investigative Hours Expended

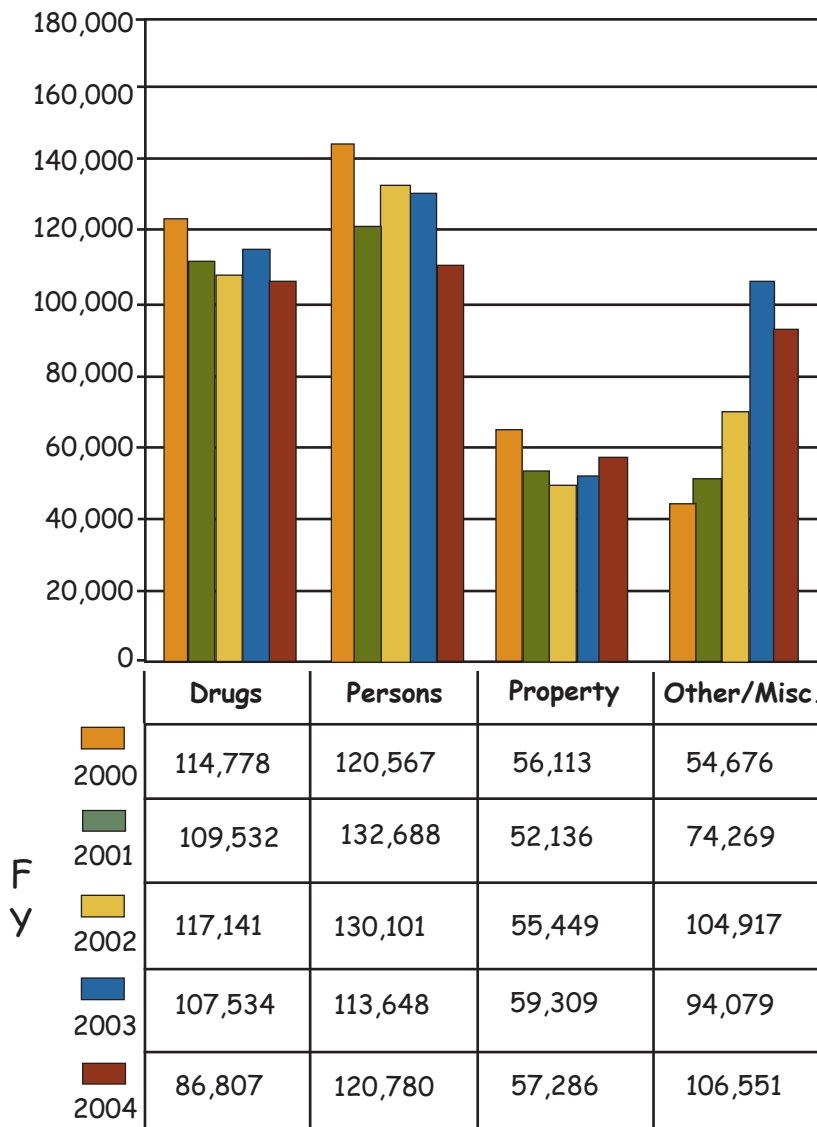
Crimes Against Persons

Death Investigations.....	42,920
Child Abuse.....	23,525
Crime Scene.....	16,427
Assault.....	13,634
EOD.....	7,173
Sex Crimes.....	5,723
Robbery.....	4,077
Terroristic Acts.....	3,562
Public Corruption.....	2,590
Kidnapping.....	935
Crime Analysis.....	214

Property Crimes

Theft.....	46,482
Burglary.....	3,568
Forgery.....	5,094
Arson.....	719
Vehicle Theft.....	1,059
Criminal Damage.....	364

FY'00-FY'04: Investigative Hours Expended



DRUG Enforcement

Three GBI regional drug enforcement offices, along with the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the State Drug Task Force, and GBI supervised multi-jurisdictional task forces work to combat illegal drug activity throughout Georgia. Personnel in these offices often work in conjunction with other state, local and federal law enforcement agencies.

REGIONAL DRUG OFFICES

The GBI's drug enforcement efforts are led by three regional drug enforcement offices (RDEOs) located in Canton, Savannah and Macon. The offices oversee drug investigations in 91 counties. The drug-related investigative activity generated during FY'04 in the three regional drug enforcement offices, 15 regional investigative offices, and by the State Drug Task Force is depicted as follows:

- Seized \$4,436,973 in contraband
- Initiated 847 drug investigations
- Expended 86,807 agent hours.

DRUG TASK FORCES

The GBI participates in 13 multi-jurisdictional task force (MJTF) programs focused on drug enforcement. These work units include traditional drug task force programs statewide, and the federally-funded High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, which is located in Atlanta. Drug task forces are staffed by GBI personnel as well as members of other law enforcement agencies.

During FY'04, MJTFs:

- Initiated 3,179 investigations
- Arrested 2,934 offenders
- Made drug seizures valuing \$32,555,921

Drug Enforcement

Canton RDEO

Macon RDEO

Savannah RDEO

Appalachian MJTF

Altamaha MJTF

Cherokee Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad

East Central Georgia DTF

West Georgia MJTF

Pataula MJTF

South Georgia DTF

Haralson-Paulding DTF

Tri-Circuit MJTF

Ocmulgee MJTF

Oconee Dublin MJTF

Piedmont-Northern

State Drug Task Force

High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

SPECIALIZED Units

The GBI specialized work units play vital roles in the daily operations of the Investigative Division. The units support other GBI offices and local criminal justice agencies in specialized areas of expertise.

STATE HEALTH CARE FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

The State Health Care Fraud Control Unit (SHCFCU) is staffed with prosecutors from the Department of Law; auditors from the Department of Audits; special financial investigators, special agents and criminal intelligence analysts from the GBI; and requisite support staff. The unit's function is to identify, arrest and prosecute

providers of health care services who defraud the Medicaid program.

In addition, the unit is tasked with investigating allegations of abuse and neglect involving patients who receive care at Medicaid-funded health care facilities such as nursing homes. SHCFCU has been expanded to address the increasing number of

Specialized Work Units

Crime Analysis Unit
(CAU)

Financial Investigations
Unit (FIU)

State Health Care
Fraud Control Unit
(SHCFCU)

Special Operations Unit
(SOU)

Intelligence Unit

Training Unit

Polygraph Unit

Accreditation

Investigative Staff
Services

Communication Center

patient abuse investigations occurring in the state.

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Financial Investigations Unit (FIU) provides investigative support to other GBI work units and criminal justice agencies throughout Georgia in the areas of financial- and computer-related crimes.

Because FIU is primarily an investigative support unit, its statistics relating to arrests, stolen and recov-

ered property, as well as seized contraband are often reported by other GBI work units. Therefore, the statistics are not reported by FIU even though FIU personnel contributed significantly to the resolution of cases. The unit routinely assist in conducting major corruption cases, which often involve public officials. It also conducts evidence

retrieval/processing services involving computers that are believed to contain evidence related to various crimes.

FIU initiated 215 cases during FY'04 and continues to lead the state by developing strategies and expertise to combat computer crimes.

The GBI views computer-oriented crimes as a rapidly emerging and highly techni-

cal area of law enforcement that will require significant growth in resources and capabilities. FIU is uniquely positioned to lead this effort and to develop additional resources aimed at combating these crimes.

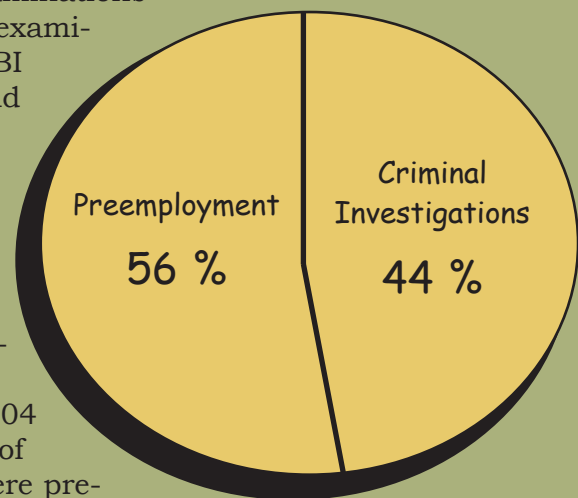
FIU is responsible for Georgia's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). The purpose of the ICAC project is to provide to law enforcement agencies across the state a unit dedicated to the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of crimes committed against children over the Internet.

In FY'04, FIU coordinated 134 ICAC investigations with other GBI work units, local agencies, and federal agencies as compared to 49 cases the previous fiscal year.

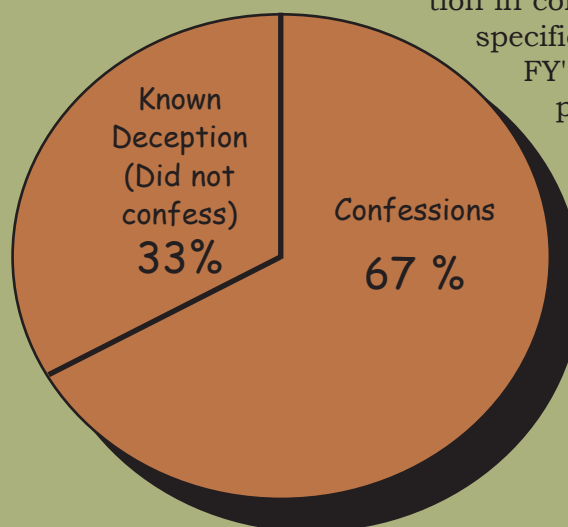
POLYGRAPH UNIT

The GBI Polygraph Unit provides criminal justice pre-employment polygraph examinations and criminal examinations for GBI work units and other Georgia law enforcement agencies. The Polygraph Unit conducted 3,089 polygraph examinations in FY'04 – 56 percent of those tests were pre-employment exams and 44 percent were exams for criminal investigations.

FY'04: Breakdown of Polygraph Exams



FY'04: Confession Rate/Deception



Polygraph examinations often result in confessions by suspects who are being tested for their participation in commissions of specific crimes. In FY'04, GBI polygraphers received confessions in 67 percent of the examinations where there was indication that the subject was deceptive.

INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Intelligence Unit serves as an analytical criminal information repository and provides intelligence gathering and dissemination services to agencies throughout Georgia. The unit processed 10,565 requests for intelligence information, which included 321 background checks at the request of the Governor's Office and 889 standard background checks during FY'04.

The GBI's forensic artist is assigned to this unit and during FY'04 worked with victims and investigators in gathering information to depict 138 composite drawings of criminal suspects.

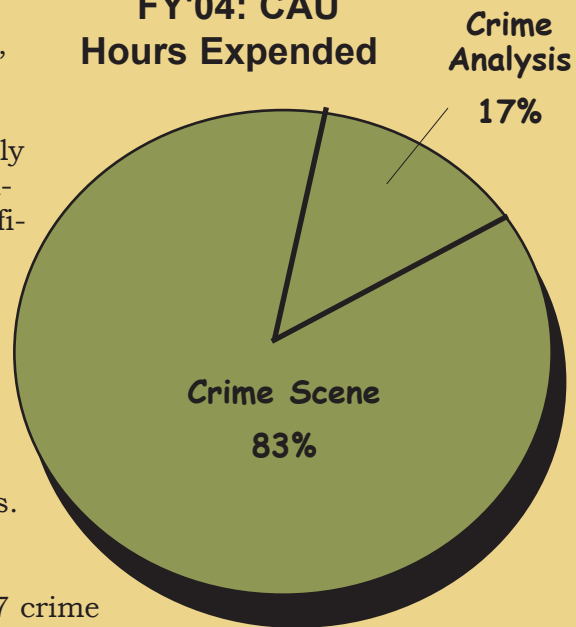
CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) provides expert crime analysis (behavioral science) and crime scene examination services to law enforcement agencies on a statewide basis. The services include providing offender profiles and investigative strategies.

In addition, crime scene specialists provide highly technical evidence identification and collection services using state-of-the-art forensic equipment and methods.

During FY'04, CAU processed 97 crime scenes and provide analytical support in 20 cases.

**FY'04: CAU
Hours Expended**



ACCREDITATION UNIT

In November of 1998, the GBI was awarded its initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), becoming the first and only state law enforce-

ment agency in Georgia to achieve national accreditation.

In August of 2001, the GBI went through its first re-accreditation on-site and was found to be in compliance with all 304 CALEA

standards that are applicable by function to the GBI. As a result of this on-site visit, the GBI was re-accredited in November of 2001.

BOMB DISPOSAL TEAM

The Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) provides statewide assistance in performing render-safe procedures on explosive devices, chemicals and other volatile substances. The BDU opened 105 cases in FY'04.

The GBI has eight specially equipped Bomb Response Trucks and nine remote robots that are used to examine packages, perform render-safe procedures and probe structures.

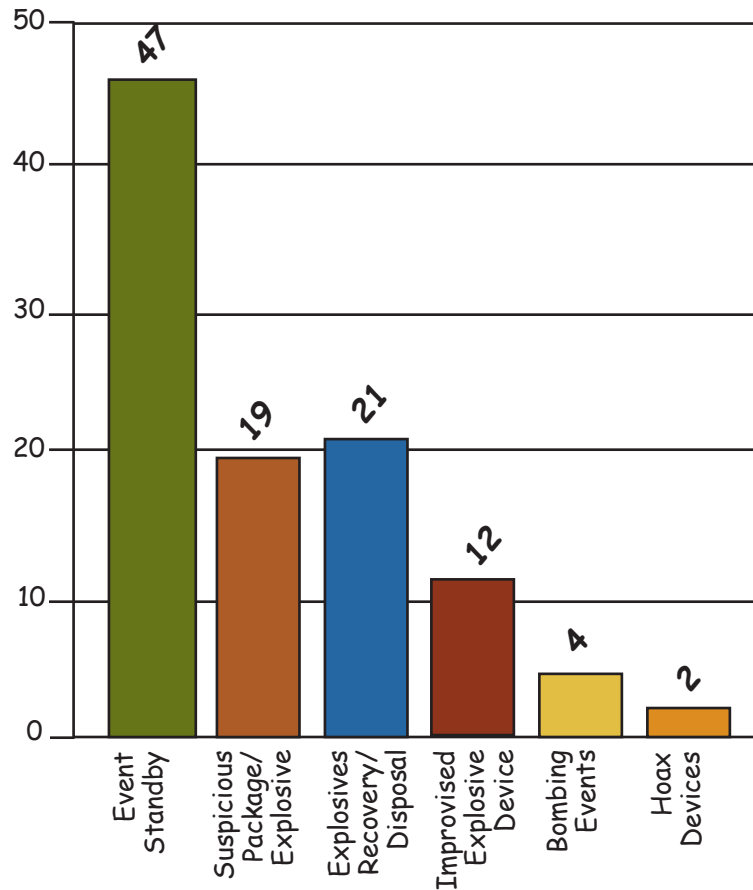
The unit is in the process of enhancing its capabilities with an additional two specialized bomb disposal vehicles, increasing the number of response vehicles to ten.

The program also is being expanded to address the growing threat of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Bomb technicians are certified to handle bombing situations involving hazardous materials. This expands the capability of the unit to address the threat presented by chemi-

cal and biological devices. GBI bomb technicians have received basic WMD training at the FBI Hazardous Devices School. The expansion has involved the acquisition of personal protective equipment and render-safe equipment that, when combined with existing training and knowledge, forms a capacity that has

not previously existed in Georgia. This will serve as a segment of the National Domestic Preparedness Plan with relation to WMD threats.

FY'04: Bomb Disposal-Related Investigations



GEORGIA INFORMATION SHARING ANALYSIS CENTER

The Georgia Information Sharing & Analysis Center (GISAC) is one of the three main components of Georgia's Office of Homeland Security (GAOHS). The Georgia Homeland Security Task Force (GHSTF) and Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) are also included under GAOHS. GISAC was created in October 2001 as one of the first priorities of Georgia's homeland security plan developed in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. GISAC provides vital support to GAOHS's broader mission, leading and directing the preparation, employment, and management of state resources to safeguard Georgia and its citizens against threats or acts of terrorism and the effects of natural disasters.

GISAC is the only state-level agency dedicated solely to homeland security, antiterrorism, and counter-terrorism operations.

Under the provisions of the Antiterrorism Act (OCGA 35-3-60), and the Antiterroristic Training Act (OCGA 16-11-150), at the state level, GISAC is responsible for developing and evaluating intelligence about persons engaged in terrorist activities, investigating acts of terrorism, and liaising with other agencies engaged in counter-terror-

ism operations.

GISAC's primary mission is to serve as the state's focal point for the collection, assessment, analysis, and dissemination of terrorism intelligence relating to Georgia. GISAC was not intended to replace or duplicate the counter-terrorism functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), but rather to enhance and facilitate the collection of information from local and state sources, and to integrate that information into a system that would benefit homeland security and counter-terrorism intelligence programs at all levels.

Investigative Division personnel manage GISAC, provide all administrative support and account for most of its operational staffing. GBI special agents and intelligence analysts, together with other sworn personnel representing the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, and Georgia Sheriff's Association, provide GISAC with a wide range law enforcement and counter-terrorism intelligence capabilities.

Additionally, analysts assigned to GISAC from GEMA's Terrorism Emergency Response Planning Division, the Georgia Army National Guard, and the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs

contribute vital expertise and resources to GISAC's efforts to protect Georgia's citizens, critical infrastructure, and key assets/resources from acts of terror.

During FY'04, GISAC continued to expand and improve its capabilities and was recognized nationally for its performance. During the year, the National Governors Association recognized GISAC as one of three "Best Practices" for state-level counter-terrorism intelligence centers.

Beginning in July 2003, and continuing through June 2004, GISAC played a major role in planning, coordinating, and conducting counter-terrorism intelligence operations in support of security operations for the 2004 G-8 Summit at Sea Island, Georgia. Because the Summit was a National Special Security Event (NSSE), the U.S. Secret Service was in charge of the overall security plan; however, GISAC and the FBI shared the lead role in developing and implementing intelligence operations.

Looking ahead to FY'05, GISAC has several major initiatives planned that will further improve counter-terrorism intelligence operations and significantly enhance the state's capabilities to detect, deter, disrupt, and prevent terrorist activities.

INVESTIGATIVE Excellence

Every year inspectors with the Investigative Division's Command Staff nominate investigations to be considered for the prestigious GBI Director's Award for Investigative Excellence.

Special Agents James Garmon, James Harris, Joe Montgomery, Audey Murphy, and the Calhoun Regional Investigative Office were the 2004 recipients of the Directors Award for Investigative Excellence. The office received the award for its investigation into a quadruple homicide and triple kidnapping in Gordon County.

On January 7, 2004, the bodies of a man, two women, and a child were found at two rural Gordon County homes. A Ford Explorer belonging to one of the victims and three children – ages 10 and younger – were missing. Through intensive investigation and crime scene processing, agents and sheriff's office investigators developed a suspect and began looking for Jerry Jones, the ex-boyfriend of one of the victim's daughters. Jones also was the father

of two of the missing children.

A *Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert* was issued for the three missing girls who were believed to be with Jones in the stolen vehicle.

After a daylong search, travelers on Interstate-75 near the Tennessee state line spotted the missing SUV. Jones, driving the vehicle, was able to elude police briefly. The chase ended when a Georgia state trooper performed a PIT (Precision Intervention Technique) and forced the Explorer into the ditch. Jones shot himself but his wounds were not life-threatening. The three young girls were not harmed and safely recovered.

Jerry Jones is currently pending trial in Gordon County Superior Court on multiple counts of murder and other related charges.